

## King County Election

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**From:** Tanaka, Paul  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2006 8:55 AM  
**To:** Buck, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: edited -- get this out

Jim: I think that the "get this out" originally came from Pelz's Office, so I don't think we need to distribute it. Have we heard what the Supremes decision is? Paul

-----Original Message-----

From: Buck, Jim  
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 8:51 AM  
To: Tanaka, Paul  
Subject: RE: edited -- get this out

Who do you want me to send it to?

JBuck

-----Original Message-----

From: Tanaka, Paul  
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 8:50 AM  
To: Buck, Jim  
Subject: FW: edited -- get this out

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-----Original Message-----

From: Quinn, De'Sean  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 7:50 PM  
To: Tanaka, Paul  
Subject: Fw: edited -- get this out

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

----- Original Message -----

From: Bayne, Ryan  
To: Sims, Ron; Quinn, De'Sean; Triplett, Kurt; Kaushik, Sandeep; Duncan, Carolyn  
Cc: Constantine, Dow  
Sent: Tue Jul 25 18:38:18 2006  
Subject: FW: edited -- get this out

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From: Dwight Pelz [mailto:dwight@wa-democrats.org]  
Sent: Tue 7/25/2006 4:39 PM  
To: 'Kelly Steele'; 'Viet Shelton'; christian@nwpcconsulting.com; Bayne, Ryan  
Subject: edited -- get this out

Washington State Democratic Chairman: "King County Auditor should be professional and nonpartisan, not a politician"

Seattle-A statement from Dwight Pelz, Chair of the Washington State Democrats on today's announcement from King County Councilmembers Reagan Dunn and Bob Ferguson expressing their support to make the County Auditor an elected position:

"The proposal for an elected Auditor for King County would be a huge mistake at this time. The King County Office of Records and Elections has made improvements in the past 2 years and we need to continue progress by regaining stability and rebuilding public trust.

This proposal ensures that management problems experienced within the Elections department will actually escalate over the next two years. This is the crucial time when King County and the entire state are moving to a vote by mail system.

The last thing our elections department needs is to inject the partisanship, uncertainty and fund-raising that come with an elected auditor who must have to constantly run for office. Politicizing a job that should be independent and free from political sniping is the wrong way to improve our election system.

Right now the County is searching for a top-flight professional to manage the office for this year's elections and the future. If this charter proposal is placed on the ballot this year then the search for a new manager would be effectively halted. No qualified applicant would take this position knowing that he or she would be dismissed or demoted in eighteen months.

The county auditor should be a professional elections official, not a politician."